GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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DEPLOYMENT OF SKY MARSHAL IN THE FIGHTS .
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for he deployment of sky marshals in all the flights run by public or private airlines in the country;

(b) if so, the total funds allocated and disbursed for such security measures alongwith the amount of estimated expenditure involved therein;

(c) whether the owner of private airlines have objected to deploy sky marshals in view of financial burden;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) the action taken to ensue mandatory deployment of sky marshals on all flights especially on private airlines; and

(f) the extent to which the flying of sky marshals are going to check hijacking of planes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) Sky Marshals are already deployed on all the routes of Indian Airlines and private airlines on random basis.

(b) No separate funds are required to be allocated for this purpose, the Sky Marshals are from the National Security Guard (NSG) and their daily allowance and travel expenses are met by the airlines concerned.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Sky Marshals are deployed in private airlines as per the schedule laid down by BCAS.

(f) Sky Marshals are deployed to handle a hijack siutation on board. Their deployment is expected to deter attempts to hijack aircraft , and they would also be able to handle any attempted hijacking taking place on board a flight.